

# NUMERICAL CONVERGENCE OF BREGMAN ITERATES FOR THE HYBRID INVERSE CONDUCTIVITY PROBLEM

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## 1 PROBLEM FORMULATION

$$\nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla v) = 0, \quad v|_{\partial\Omega} = f$$

$$\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{|J|}{|\nabla v|} \nabla v \right) = 0, \quad v|_{\partial\Omega} = f$$

$$\operatorname{argmin} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} |J| |\nabla v| : v \in H^1(\Omega) \quad v|_{\partial\Omega} = f \right\}.$$

**GIVEN  $|J|$ , FIND A MINIMIZER OF THIS PROBLEM**

**OPEN QUESTION: HOW TO CONSTRUCT CONVERGENT MINIMIZING SEQUENCES?**

**MAIN DIFFICULTY: THE MINIMIZING FUNCTIONAL IS NOT DIFFERENTIABLE**

**KEY IDEA: CONSTRUCT BREGMAN ITERATES**

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## 5 ALTERNATING SPLIT BREGMAN ALGORITHM

**INITIALIZE:**

$$u_f \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ with } u_f|_{\partial\Omega} = f, b^0, d^0 \in (L^2(\Omega))^n$$

**STEP 1:** FOR  $k \geq 1$  SOLVE THE PROBLEM

$$\Delta u^{k+1} = \nabla \cdot (d^k(x) - b^k(x)), \quad u^{k+1}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0.$$

**STEP 2:** UPDATE

$$d^{k+1}(x) = \begin{cases} \max\{|z^{k+1}(x)| - \frac{|J|}{\alpha}, 0\} \frac{z^{k+1}(x)}{|z^{k+1}(x)|} - \nabla u_f(x) & \text{if } |z^{k+1}(x)| \neq 0, \\ -\nabla u_f(x) & \text{if } |z^{k+1}(x)| = 0. \end{cases}$$

WHERE

$$z^{k+1}(x) = \nabla u^{k+1}(x) + \nabla u_f(x) + b^k(x).$$

**STEP 3:** UPDATE

$$b^{k+1}(x) = b^k(x) + \nabla u^{k+1}(x) - d^{k+1}(x).$$

## 6 CONVERGENCE RESULT

**THEOREM.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded region in  $R^n$  with a connected  $C^{1,\alpha}$  boundary. Assume that  $|J| > 0$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ , where  $J \in (L^2(\Omega))^n$  is the current density vector field determined by an unknown conductivity  $\sigma \in C^\alpha(\Omega)$  and voltage  $f \in H^{1/2}$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}b^k &\rightharpoonup -J/\alpha, \\d^k + \nabla u_f &\rightharpoonup \nabla \bar{u}, \text{ and} \\u^k + u_f &\rightharpoonup \bar{u},\end{aligned}$$

*where the voltage potential  $\bar{u}$  is the unique minimizer of the least gradient problem.*

Finite-dimensional case: Eckstein-Bertsekas (1992), re-proved by Setzer (2009)

Infinite-dimensional case: Moradifam-Nachman (2012)

## 7 FURTHER WORK

### Evans-Spruck Regularization

In a simple iteration algorithm

$$\sigma^{k+1} = \frac{|J|}{\sqrt{|\nabla v^k|^2 + \varepsilon_k^2}}$$

**Conjecture** For any positive monotone-decreasing sequence  $\varepsilon_k$

(e.g.,

$$\varepsilon_k = \gamma \cdot \varepsilon_{k-1}, \quad \gamma \in (0, 1))$$

the convergence takes place

$$\sigma^k \rightarrow \bar{\sigma} \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

## QRM (Tikhonov's regularization)

By analogy with Ladyzhenskaya and Lions, consider the regularized least gradient functional

$$\operatorname{argmin}\left\{\int_{\Omega} \left(|J||\nabla v| + \frac{\alpha}{2}|\nabla v|^2\right) : v \in H^1(\Omega), v|_{\partial\Omega} = f\right\}$$

The Euler-Lagrange equation

$$\alpha \cdot \nabla^2 v + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{|J|}{|\nabla v|} \nabla v \right) = 0, \quad v|_{\partial\Omega} = f.$$

**Conjecture** Let  $v_{\alpha}$  be a solution to the Euler-Lagrange equation for the fixed  $\alpha > 0$ . Then the sequence  $\{v_{\alpha}\}$  is minimizing for the least gradient functional.

## 8 NUMERICAL STUDY

### MODEL PROBLEM

SIMULATE THE CONDUCTIVITY DISTRIBUTION



Figure 1: The original conductivity distribution used in the data simulation.

SIMULATE THE INTERNAL DATA  $|J|$

$$|J| = \sigma(x)|\nabla v|,$$

$$v = u_h + u,$$

$$-\nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u = \nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u_h, \quad u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0,$$

$$\nabla^2 u_h = 0, \quad u_h|_{\partial\Omega} = f,$$

RECONSTRUCTIONS BY ALTERNATING SPLIT BREGMAN  
ALGORITHM: THE ALMOST TWO-TO-ONE BC

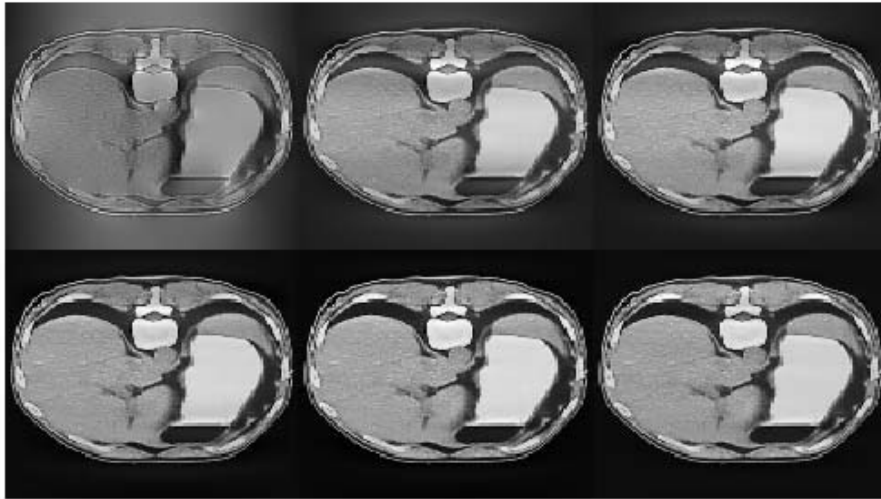


Figure 2: Reconstruction using the alternating split Bregman algorithm with  $N = 1, 5, 10, 30, 50, 100$  iterations (shown from the left upper corner to the right lower corner) for the almost two-to-one boundary condition  $f = y$ .





Figure 3: Conductivity reconstructed using the alternating split Bregman algorithm with the optimal number of iterates 60 for the almost two-to-one boundary condition  $f(x, y) = y$ .

RECONSTRUCTIONS BY THE SIMPLE ITERATION ALGORITHM: THE ALMOST TWO-TO-ONE BC

$$\begin{aligned}u_0 &= u_h, \sigma_1 = \frac{|J|}{|\nabla u_0|}, \\ -\Delta u &= \nabla \cdot (\sigma_k \nabla u_h), \quad u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \\ v_k &= u + u_h, \\ \sigma_{k+1} &= \frac{|J|}{|\nabla v_k|}.\end{aligned}$$

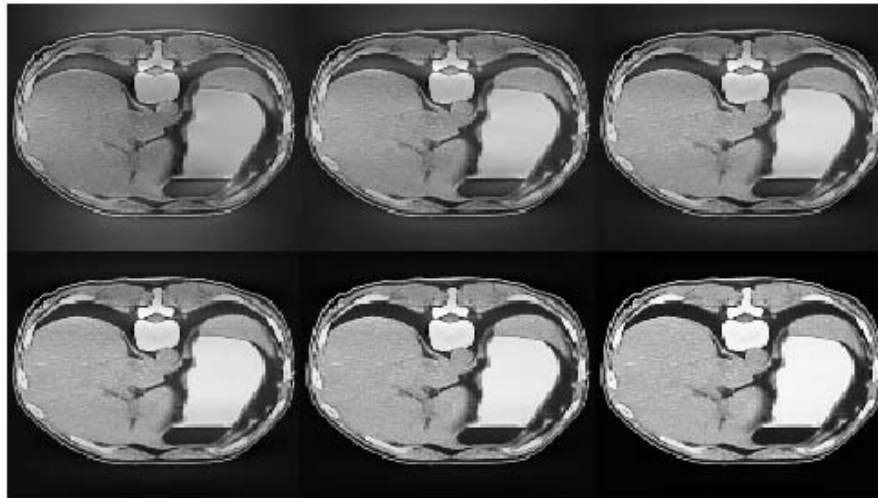


Figure 4: Reconstruction using the simple iteration algorithm with  $N = 1, 5, 10, 30, 50, 100$  iterations (show from the left upper corner to the right lower corner) for the almost two-to-one boundary condition  $f = y$ .

## DATA FOR THE NON-TWO-TO-ONE BC

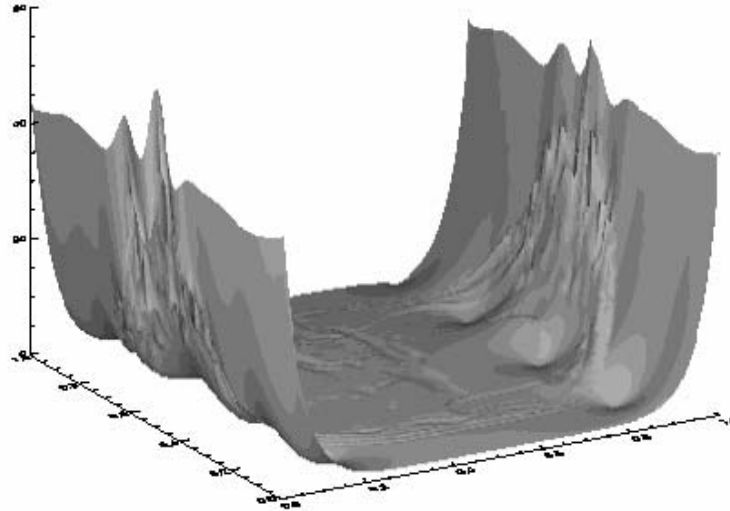


Figure 5: Magnitude of the current density  $|J|$  for the non two-to-one boundary data  $f(x, y) = y + 2 \sin(7\pi y)$ .

RECONSTRUCTIONS BY ALTERNATING SPLIT BREGMAN  
ALGORITHM: THE NON-TWO-TO-ONE BC

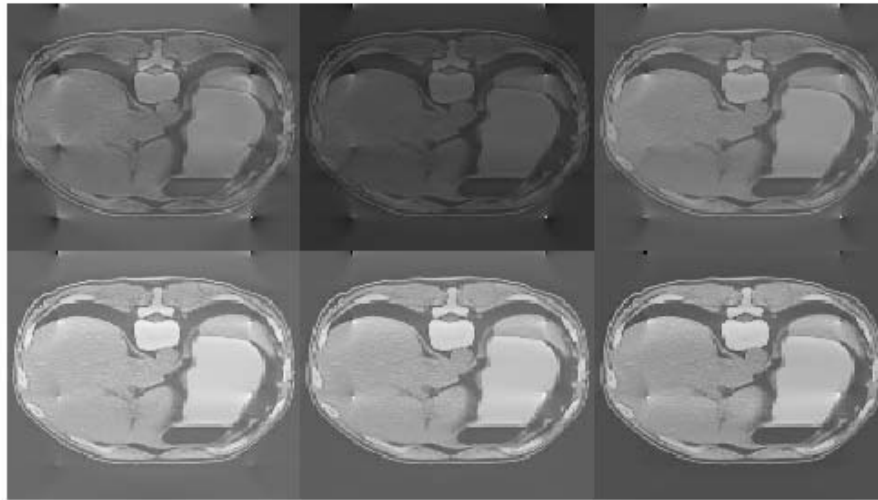


Figure 6: Reconstruction using the alternating split Bregman algorithm with  $N = 1, 5, 10, 30, 50, 100$  iterations (shown from the left upper corner to the right lower corner) for the non-two-to-one boundary condition  $f(x, y) = y + 2 \sin(7\pi y)$ .

RECONSTRUCTIONS BY REGULARISED SIMPLE ITERATION ALGORITHM: THE NON-TWO-TO-ONE BC

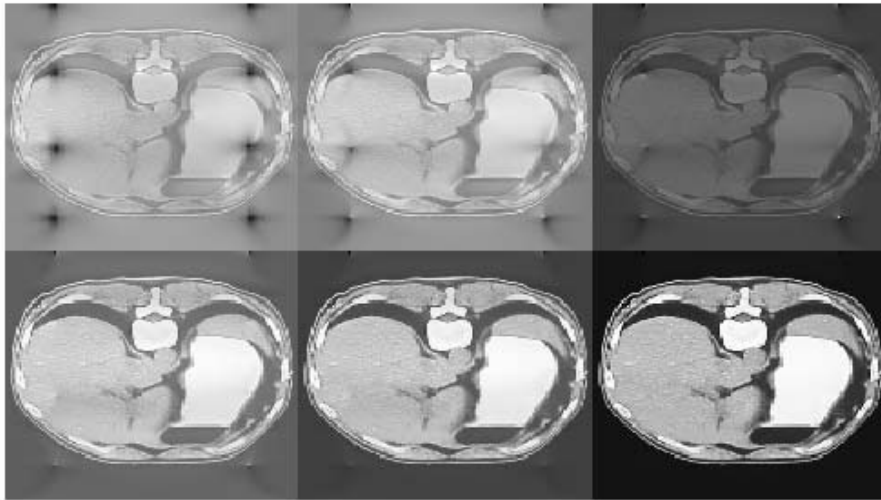


Figure 7: Reconstruction using the regularised simple iteration algorithm with  $N = 1, 5, 10, 30, 50, 100$  iterations (show from the left upper corner to the right lower corner) for the non- two-to-one boundary condition  $f(x, y) = y + 2 \sin(7\pi y)$ .

## COMPARISON OF RATES OF CONVERGENCE

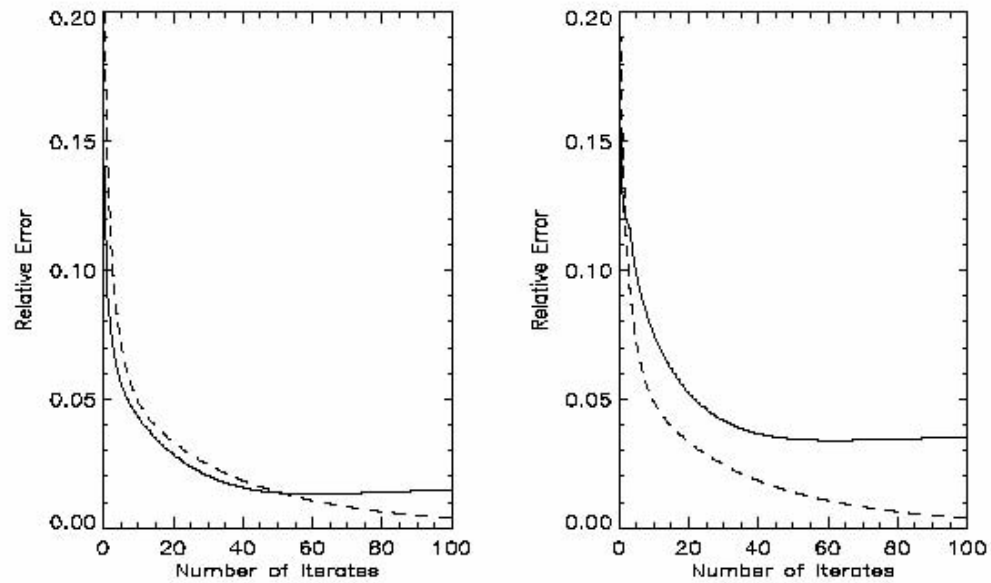


Figure 8: Rate of convergence for alternating split Bregman (Solid) and simple iterations (Dashed) for two-to-one boundary data  $f(x, y) = y$  (left) and non two-to-one data  $f(x, y) = y + 2\sin(7\pi y)$ .

## ROBUSTNESS

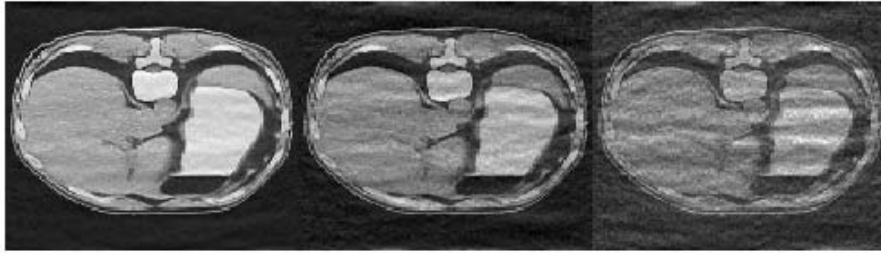


Figure 9: Low noise (left), moderate noise (middle), and higher noise.